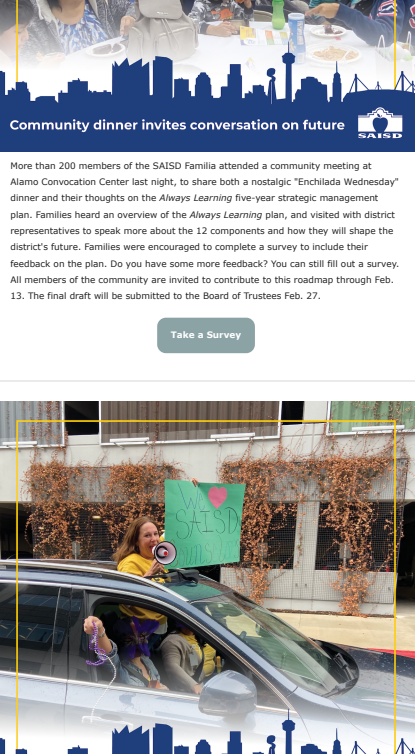



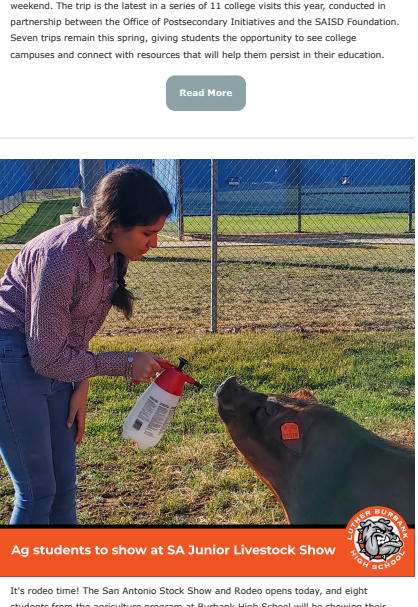
## NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT




**Community dinner invites conversation on future** 

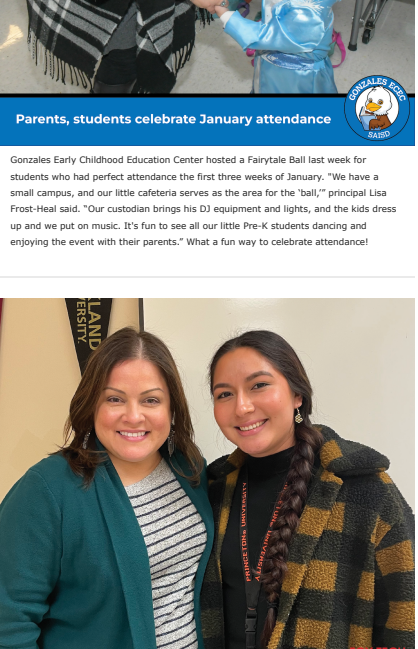
More than 200 members of the SAISD Familia attended a community meeting at Alamo Convocation Center last night, to share both a nostalgic "Enchilada Wednesday" dinner and their thoughts on the *Always Learning* five-year strategic management plan. Families heard an overview of the *Always Learning* plan, and visited with district representatives to speak more about the 12 components and how they will shape the district's future. Families were encouraged to complete a survey to include their feedback on the plan. Do you have some more feedback? You can still fill out a survey. All members of the community are invited to contribute to this roadmap through Feb. 13. The final draft will be submitted to the Board of Trustees Feb. 27.


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**Counselors enjoy drive-through appreciation lunch** 

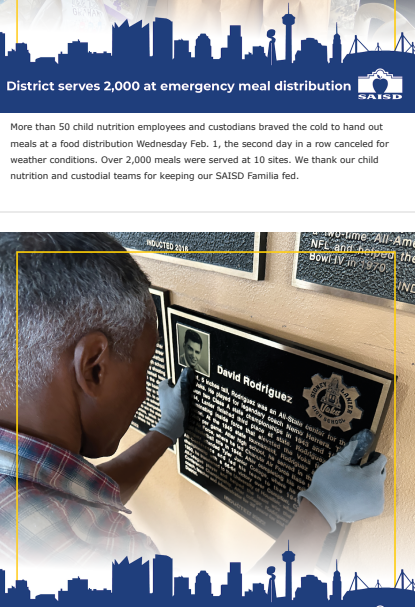
It's National School Counseling Week, and we love our school counselors! Campuses across the district are giving their counselors some deserved extra attention and appreciation this week for all the hard work they do. To further celebrate, the School Counseling department hosted a drive-through lunch celebration for our campus counselors Wednesday. Nearly 150 boxed lunches and goodie bags were distributed to school counselors courtesy of district partners at UT Teen Health. Pictured are Maverick Elementary counselor **Jeanette Zuniga**, and her Maverick familia who rolled through with Mardi Gras décor. A big thanks again to all our counselors for all they do!




**College trips inform, empower student decisions** 

Students from across the district visited Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi last weekend. The trip is the latest in a series of 11 college visits this year, conducted in partnership with the Office of Postsecondary Initiatives and the SAISD Foundation. Seven trips remain this spring, giving students the opportunity to see college campuses and connect with resources that will help them persist in their education.

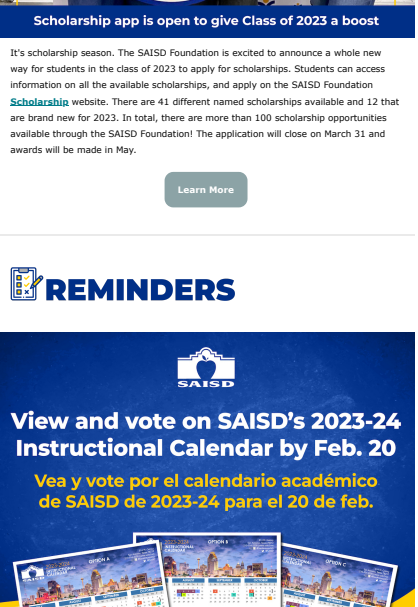
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**Ag students to show at SA Junior Livestock Show** 

It's rodeo time! The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo opens today, and high students from the agriculture program at Burbank High School will be showing their pigs at the San Antonio Junior Livestock Show. The process of showing the animals, for many of the students, culminates a year of hard work — of getting to the barn early each day to feed their animals and refresh their bedding, and stopping by again at the end of the day to check in on the animals one last time to make sure they have everything they need for the night to come. It's a process that teaches them many skills, including teamwork, communication, and responsibility.

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**Parents, students celebrate January attendance** 

Gonzales Early Childhood Education Center hosted a Fairytale Ball last week for students who had perfect attendance the first three weeks of January. "We have a small campus, and our little cafeteria serves as the area for the 'ball,'" principal Lisa Frost-Heal said. "Our custodian brings his DJ equipment and lights, and the kids dress up and we put on music. It's fun to see all our little Pre-K students dancing and enjoying the event with their parents." What a fun way to celebrate attendance!



**2018 valedictorian returns from Princeton to teach** 

This year has been a homecoming of sorts for Sierra Gonzales. The 2018 valedictorian of Fox Tech High School returned to the same hallways this year to teach. It's full circle for Gonzales, who grew up in San Antonio ISD, attending Madison Elementary and Longfellow Middle School before joining Fox Tech High School and Law Magnet. A QuestBridge Finalist, Gonzales attended Princeton University, which paid all her expenses while she studied psychology. Now halfway through her first year of teaching, Gonzales is thriving under the leadership and mentorship of her principal Jennifer Benavides, who has led the school since Gonzales' senior year.

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**District serves 2,000 at emergency meal distribution** 

More than 50 child nutrition employees and custodians braved the cold to hand out meals at a food distribution Wednesday Feb. 1, the second day in a row canceled for weather conditions. Over 2,000 meals were served at 10 sites. We thank our child nutrition and custodial teams for keeping our SAISD Familia fed.



**Nominations open for SAISD Athletic Hall of Fame** 

Historic Alamo Stadium recently received an addition with the installation of the SAISD Athletic Hall of Fame plaque from the Class of 2022. Our next class will be inducted this summer. We are still accepting nominations for this year's group. The deadline to submit a nomination is Feb. 15, 2023.

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## NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION



**Scholarship app is open to give Class of 2023 a boost**

It's scholarship season. The SAISD Foundation is excited to announce a whole new way for students in the class of 2023 to apply for scholarships. Students can access information on all the available scholarships, and apply on the SAISD Foundation [Scholarship](#) website. There are 41 different named scholarships available and 12 that are brand new for 2023. In total, there are more than 100 scholarship opportunities available through the SAISD Foundation! The application will close on March 31 and awards will be made in May.

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## REMINDERS

**View and vote on SAISD's 2023-24 Instructional Calendar by Feb. 20**  
**Veá y vote por el calendario académico de SAISD de 2023-24 para el 20 de feb.**



Your voice is important to us! We'd like for you to share your preference between three options for our 2023-2024 instructional calendar. Complete a survey between now and Feb. 20 to indicate whether you prefer Option A, B, or C.

[Take the Survey](#)

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Watch the superintendent's latest *Quick Takes with Jaime* video.

## CLOSING SHOTS



Over the last week, many of our elementary schools and academies have been celebrating 100 (and sometimes 101) days of school. The festivities have included designing clothing and posters with 100 items, dressing as centenarians, parades, and even dressing up as 101 Dalmations. Pictured are: Carroll Early Childhood Education Center, Storm Elementary, Smith Elementary, Ogden Elementary, Huppertz Elementary, Dorie Miller Elementary, and Schenck Elementary.